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EXTENSION OF THE SIXTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR KENYA

Note by the Administrator

1. The sixth country programme for Kenya was approved by the Executive Board at its annual session 1994 for the period January 1994 to December 1996.

2. In December 1996, the Government finalized and launched a five-year national development plan, covering the period 1997 to 2001. To ensure that the first country cooperation framework (CCF) draws upon the objectives and strategies of the plan, especially those relating to poverty alleviation, job-creation and environmental protection, the Government wishes to extend the current programme by one year. The period of the extension will enable UNDP and the Government to integrate and harmonize their mutual development programmes, based on the national objectives in the development plan. The process of consultations with other agencies of the Joint Consultative Group on Policy (JCGP) will also be consolidated and further opportunities created for gradually harmonizing the programme cycles among JCGP agencies and with the Government's planning period.

3. The mid-term review, held in October 1996, concluded that the priority areas agreed upon in the sixth country programme remain valid. They are: management of the development process; enhanced public administration and participatory development; small-scale enterprise development; HIV/AIDS; and environmental protection and natural resource management. The extension will permit the implementation of programmes that are consistent with the new orientations of UNDP and the evaluation of the entire programme so that the lessons learned can be incorporated into the first CCF document. It is expected that the CCF will be submitted to the Executive Board in 1998.

4. Against this background, the Administrator wishes to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the sixth country programme for Kenya for a period of one year, beginning 1 January 1997.